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1. A dressing comprising:

a semi-permeable film having a top side and a bottom side;

a semi-permeable tape border having a top surface, a bottom surface, a first edge and a second edge wherein the semi-permeable film covers the top surface of the semi-permeable tape border; and

a hydrocolloid silver adhesive associated with the bottom surface of the semi-permeable tape border wherein the hydrocolloid silver adhesive forms a barrier.

2. The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

an adhesive coating on the bottom side of the semi-permeable film.

3. The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

an adhesive layer on the bottom surface of the semi-permeable tape border.

4. The dressing of Claim 3 further comprising:

a first liner covering the adhesive layer opposite the semi-permeable tape border and covering the hydrocolloid silver adhesive wherein the first liner extends from the first edge of the semi-permeable tape border to a first location between the first edge of the semi-permeable tape border and the second edge of the semi-permeable tape border.

5. The dressing of Claim 4 further comprising:

a tab extending from the first liner and folded onto the first liner.

6. The dressing of Claim 3 further comprising:

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a second liner covering the adhesive layer opposite the semi-permeable tape border and covering the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

7. The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

a window cut substantially through the semi-permeable tape border and hydrocolloid silver adhesive such that an opening is formed in the semi-permeable tape border and hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

8. The dressing of Claim 7 wherein the opening of the hydrocolloid silver adhesive defines a perimeter around a wound.

9. The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is moisture vapor permeable.

10. The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is transparent.

11. The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable film is constructed of polyurethane.

12. The dressing of Claim 1 further comprising:

an antimicrobial additive associated with the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

13. The dressing of Claim 1 wherein the semi-permeable tape border is constructed of non-woven material and laminated with the semi-permeable film.

14. A method for applying a dressing having a semi-permeable film, a semi-permeable tape border, a hydrocolloid silver adhesive and a first liner to a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

exposing the dressing by removing the first liner;

placing the exposed portion of the dressing on a patient such that the hydrocolloid silver adhesive adheres to the patient; and

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allowing the hydrocolloid silver adhesive to form a barrier.

15. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the steps of:

providing a second liner;

removing the second liner after removing the first liner and placing the exposed portion of the dressing on the patient;

exposing a remaining portion of the dressing by removing the second liner; and

applying the remaining portion of the dressing on the patient.

16. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of:

cutting a window substantially through the semi-permeable film, the semi-permeable tape border and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

17. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of:

folding the first liner to form a tab.

18. The method of Claim 17 further comprising the step of:

gripping the tab and removing the first liner by pulling on the tab.

19. A process for manufacture of a dressing, the process comprising the steps of:

providing a semi-permeable tape border manufactured with an adhesive layer;

cutting a window through the semi-permeable tape border and the adhesive layer;

attaching a hydrocolloid silver adhesive on the adhesive layer of the semi-permeable tape border around a perimeter of the window; and

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forming a film on a top surface of the semi-permeable tape border.

20. The process of Claim 19 further comprising the step of:

forming a first liner covering the semi-permeable tape border, the adhesive layer, and the hydrocolloid silver adhesive.

21. The process of Claim 20 further comprising the step of:

folding the first liner to form a tab.

22. The process of Claim 21 further comprising the step of:

forming a second liner on the semi-permeable tape border, the adhesive layer, the hydrocolloid silver adhesive and tab of the first liner.

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